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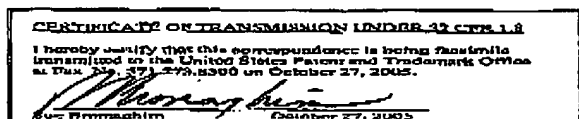
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38. (previously presented) The system of claim 37, said server sorting the items at the hubs using the retrieved information.

39. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, further comprising a plurality of distribution centers and a central hub, said instrument transporting the items from local hubs to the centers to the central hub, said device applying the query signals and receiving said information provided by the labels at the centers to the central hub.

40. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein said labels include an energy source, or controller or microprocessor and are suitable for attachment to the items.

41. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, further comprising a recorder that writes said information into each of at least some of the labels, said recorder writing into each label information related to name, address, telephone number or zip code related to destinations, and/or tracking number or special delivery instructions related to the items associated with each label.

42. (previously presented) A method for tracking items in a delivery system, comprising:
writing into a plurality of storage labels at one or more receiving stations, said labels having transmitters, each of the labels associated with an item, said information in each label concerning delivery of the item, said information useful for automated sorting and tracking the items along their passage to destinations;
transporting the items and their associated labels to a local distribution center or central hub;
applying query signals to the labels to retrieve the information at the local distribution center or central hub and to cause said labels to provide said information through their transmitters, wherein said transmitters are caused to transmit said information by means of energy of the query signals received by the labels; and
sorting the items by means of the information retrieved.

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